

certified statement shall specify the number and type of interconnected private lines on a country specified basis. The identity of the customer need not be reported, and the Commission will treat the country of origin information as confidential. Carriers need not file their contracts for such interconnections, unless they are specifically requested to do so. These reports shall be filed on a consolidated basis on February 1 (covering international private lines interconnected during the preceding January 1 to December 31 period) of each year. International private lines to countries which we find to satisfy our equivalency standard at any time during a particular reporting period are exempt from this requirement.

(e) *International settlements policy.* (1) If a carrier files an operating agreement (whether in the form of a contract, concession, license, etc.) referred to in paragraph (a) of this section to begin providing switched voice, telex, telegraph, or packet-switched service between the United States and a foreign point and the terms and conditions of such agreement relating to the exchange of services, interchange or routing of traffic and matters concerning rates, accounting rates, division of tolls, the allocation of return traffic, or the basis of settlement of traffic balances, are not identical to the equivalent terms and conditions in the operating agreement of another carrier providing the same or similar service between the United States and the same foreign point, the carrier must also file with the International Bureau a notification letter or modification request, as appropriate, under §64.1001 of this chapter. No carrier providing switched voice, telex, telegraph, or packet-switched service between the United States and a foreign point shall bargain for or agree to accept more than its proportionate share of return traffic.

(2) If a carrier files an amendment to the operating agreement referred to in paragraph (a) of this section under which it already provides switched voice, telex, telegraph, or packet-switched service between the United States and a foreign point, and other carriers provide the same or similar service to the same foreign point, and

the amendment relates to the exchange of services, interchange or routing of traffic and matters concerning rates, accounting rates, division of tolls, the allocation of return traffic, or the basis of settlement of traffic balances, the carrier must also file with the International Bureau a notification letter or modification request, as appropriate, under §64.1001 of this chapter.

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**§43.53 Reports regarding division of international toll communication charges.**

(a) Each communication common carrier engaged directly in the transmission or reception of telegraph communications between the continental United States and any foreign country (other than one to which the domestic word-count applies) shall file a report with the Commission within thirty (30) days of the date of any arrangement concerning the division of the total telegraph charges on such communications other than transiting. A carrier first becoming subject to the provisions of this section must, within thirty (30) days thereafter, file with the Commission a report covering any such existing arrangements.

(b) In the event that any change is made which affects data previously filed, a revised page incorporating such change or changes must be filed with the Commission not later than thirty (30) days from the date the change is made, provided, however, that any change in the amount of foreign participation in charges for outbound communications or in the respondent's participation in charges for inbound communications must be filed not later than thirty (30) days from the date the change is agreed upon.

(c) A single copy of each such report must be filed in a format that contains a clear, concise and definite statement of the arrangements.

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